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PARTNERSHIP RE-SEEDING THE CARLIN FIRE

Public and private lands adjacent to I-80 which burned in the Carlin Fire last July are being restored under an Emergency Stabilization Seeding project.

The fast-moving human-caused Carlin Fire started July 16, 2005, right on the heels of several wildfires scattered across Elko County. The fire burned approximately 5,000 acres on the north side of the Interstate and caused I-80 to be closed for several hours. A few weeks after the fire was out, heavy winds caused dust and ash to blow across I-80 severely reducing visibility and contributing to conditions which caused a fatal traffic accident. The Nevada Division of Forestry completed seeding on private lands adjacent to I-80 which ties into the seeding on public lands completed by the BLM.

“The land is being seeded with a mixture of native grasses on the majority of the fire and crested wheat grass adjacent to I-80,” said BLM Rehabilitation Manager Tom Warren. “We drill seeded the burned area in order to get perennial grasses and shrubs established to prevent further soil erosion from wind and water, and prevent the spread of cheat grass and noxious weeds. The drill seeding portion of the project has been completed. The next step is to use a helicopter to over-seed the area with shrubs. We hope to do the helicopter seeding next week.”

“Partners in the project are the Nevada Division of Forestry and BLM,” Warren concluded.

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